GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CHINESE INCURSIONS ACROSS LAC
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of Chinese incursions across LAC into the Indian territory in the recent past as reported in the "Times of India" dated 10 September 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken up the matter with the Chinese Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such Chinese incursions?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (e) Government have seen the 'Times of India' report of 10 September 2008. China disputes the international boundary between India and China. Since 1993, the two Governments have agreed to maintain peace and tranquillity along the line of actual control in the India- China border areas, without prejudice to their respective positions on the alignment of the line of actual control as well as on the boundary question. In the meantime, pending a final settlement, both sides have agreed to clarify the LAC and to take up perceived violations through established mechanisms including the Joint Working Group, the Expert Group, border personnel meetings, flag meetings and diplomatic channels.